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**REGIONAL YOUTH DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP
TO BE HELD AT CITY OF CERRITOS PARK EAST
COMMUNITY CENTER, CALIF., WED., NOV. 30**

LOS ANGELES (Thu., Nov. 10, 2011) – The preparedness of our nation's youth is imperative for surviving natural and man-made disasters. In order to better prepare our youth and the organizations they participate in, California Volunteers, California Emergency Management Agency and County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will serve as co-hosts of "Implementing Youth Preparedness Into Your Organization," a one-day youth disaster preparedness workshop to be held at City of Cerritos Park East Community Center (13234 E. 166th St., California Room, Cerritos, CA 90703) on Wed., Nov. 30 (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

This youth disaster preparedness workshop is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), free of charge, and open to school program directors, private school administrators, after-school program leaders as well as members from non-profit and faith-based organizations representing FEMA Region IX that includes California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada and Guam.

The workshop will introduce the attendees to a curriculum on emergency preparedness. All attendees will receive a "How to Guide" for developing and implementing disaster preparedness programs in their area in addition to a catalog of youth preparedness resources.

For more information and to obtain a registration form for the youth disaster preparedness workshop, e-mail Brenda Emrick at bemrick@ceooem.lacounty.gov or call (323) 980-2260. Registration forms are due by Fri., Nov. 18 and can also be faxed to (323) 881-6897. For more information about youth disaster preparedness, access FEMA's website at <http://www.ready.gov/kids/home.html>.

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